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CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Honorable Bernard Zimmerman  
United States District Court for the Northern District of California  
450 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102


Re: Settlement Conference in Hain v. United States, C-08-3747-EMC (BZ)  
January 13, 2008

Dear Judge Zimmerman:

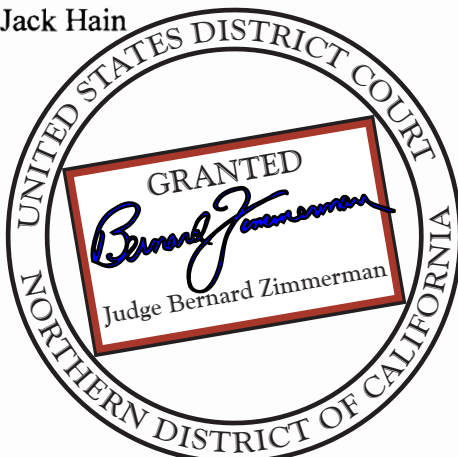
The United States wishes to inform the Court the Department of Navy has informed the undersigned that, in light of budgetary restrictions, a representative of the Department of Navy cannot attend the settlement conference in person. However, the Department of Navy has given the U.S. Attorney's Office full authority to negotiate a settlement and an attorney from the Department of Navy will be available to participate by telephone if necessary. Accordingly, the United States respectfully asks this Court to excuse in-person attendance by a representative from the agency. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jack Hain



1/9/2009 - No opposition having been filed  
this request is GRANTED.